



## 2nd Grade Summer Activities 2020-2021

### Summer Reading

It is important for children to practice academic skills when school is not in session, and reading is one of the most important of those skills. Summer reading evolved as a popular method of helping children to keep their reading skills active. The best summer reading assignments strive to inspire a love of reading for its own sake. As award-winning children's book author Kate DiCamillo wrote, "*Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift.*"

In that spirit, our summer reading assignment is for rising second grade students to read, read, read, as many books as they can. To provide an incentive, we are buying several gifts that will be raffled in each second grade homeroom during the first week of school. Students complete raffle tickets for every book they read and place the tickets in the jar(s) of the prize(s) that interests them.

It is our hope that every child will read *at least three* books during the summer. If you are looking for appropriate reading material, check out <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists> and <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2020-summer-reading-list>, as well as the following:

David Adler (Cam Jansen Chapter Books)	Lois Lowry (Gooney Bird Greene)
Chick Bryan (The Secret Zoo)	Megan McDonald (Stinky, The Incredible Shrinking Kid)
Jack Chabert (The School is Alive)	Peggy Parish (Amelia Bedelia Books)
Beverly Cleary (Ramona and Her Father)	Sara Pennypacker (Amazing World of Stuart)
Kate DiCamillo (Mercy Watson Fights Crime)	John Peterson (The Little Series)
Saadia Faruqui (Meet Yasmin)	James Preller (The Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series)
Abby Hanlon (Dory Fantasmagory)	Jack Prelutsky (It's Raining Pigs and Noodles)
Kevin Henkes (The Year of Billy Miller)	Tish Rabe (Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today)
Jennifer Jacobson (Andy Shane, Hero at Last)	Marjorie Sharmat (Nate the Great Goes Undercover)
Katharine Kenah (The Best Seat in Second Grade)	Shel Silverstein (Various poetry books)
Lenore Look (Alvin Ho)	Melissa Thomson (Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-up)

## Summer Reading Raffle Instructions

Print this page and fill-in a ticket for each book that you read from cover to cover, between June 11th and September 8th. Print additional sheets, as necessary. Do NOT cut-out the tickets. Instead bring the entire sheet(s) to school on the first day (up to a maximum of three sheets or 18 tickets). During the first week of school, you will place your tickets in jars associated with prizes. To improve your odds of winning specific prizes, you can place multiple tickets in individual jars.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>
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## Summer Enrichment

The LCDS *Mission Statement* opens with the phrase, “We inspire our students to become lifelong learners.” Summer is generally a time for families to relax, but we also hope our students are inspired to consider learning activities to be relaxing, and to seek opportunities to engage in them during the summer. So, we would like to take this opportunity to list about a dozen or so such activities for your consideration.

We also created a BINGO game to encourage students to embrace these opportunities and to reward them for doing so. The BINGO instructions are on the next page. Last year, students who submitted a completed BINGO card were treated to popsicles and other frozen treats during the first week of school.

### Ideas for Rising Second Graders

- Review some first-grade facts using IXL. Please visit <https://www.ixl.com/> and use your school account to work on any first-grade skills. Please do not attempt any second-grade ones as we want to keep those for the coming year!
- Sign up for Loudoun County Public Library’s first virtual summer reading program called “Once Upon A Summer” here [LCPL Virtual Reading Program](#)
- Start a journal with your summer experiences or visit [Journal Buddies](#) for some fun writing prompts.
- Practice tying your shoelaces independently.
- Go on a hike or a bike ride.
- Try a new sport.
- Keep a beach ball up in the air as long as possible.
- Throw a tennis ball against a wall and catch it with one hand.
- Watch a Broadway Musical, Concert, or an animated musical movie at home this summer! Here’s where you can find Broadway Musicals and Concerts Online:  
<https://broadwaydirect.com/where-to-watch-musicals-online-the-musical-lovers-guide-to-streaming/>,  
<https://www.thewrap.com/how-to-watch-concerts-and-broadway-shows-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown/>
- Make a picture using only ripped colored paper and glue
- Practice cutting out some different designs and shapes, and practice cutting on a printed or drawn line...can you keep the scissors on the line the whole time?
- Is there someone you know in your community (school, religious, neighborhood, other) who could use some help? If so, what could you do to help them?
- Raise awareness about rainforest conservation, learn ways you can help and possibly raise funds to adopt an endangered rainforest animal.
- Create a Do It Yourself Craft from all the recyclable materials in your home:  
<https://www.pinterest.com/FreeKidsCrafts/recycling-projects-for-kids/>

## Summer Enrichment BINGO Instructions

Print this page and follow the directions at the bottom of the BINGO Card. Write in the boxes any activities from the list on the previous page. If you undertake a specific activity more than once, you may write it on the card twice, but you cannot write any specific activity more than *twice*. The card must be completely filled-in with *nine* activities undertaken between June 11th and September 8th. Then, bring this page to school on the first day and receive a treat.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

 <b>LCDS BINGO</b> 		
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### Directions:

For each optional activity completed over the summer, please color in a star and write a one or two word description under the star on the line provided. Bring your completed bingo card to your teacher during the first week of school to receive a prize!